



# Central Community School Newsletter



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School District

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## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Welcome back! We trust you have had an enjoyable, quiet holiday season with your family. We hope you are embraced by the promise and possibilities that the new year brings.

We had a wonderful week of focusing on our Zones of Regulation and examining why it is important that we are aware of how we are feeling. A new year is a new opportunity to begin afresh, re-focus and start Term 2. Everyone has an opportunity to build on what they have started in Term 1, to build new skills, develop friendships, and demonstrate citizenship through social responsibility. This is also a good chance to encourage your children to focus on what makes them successful. Be sure to review the *Sockeye Code of Conduct* at home with your child so they can "swim" to success. SWIM: safe, warm hearted, integrity and mindful; they not only mark a successful Central student, they are also the things that make any person successful in life.

Emergency events: **Please ensure that we have a cell phone number and an emergency contact person (and number) on file for your child that is up to date.** If you are not sure if we have accurate contact information, please check with Mrs. Gudjonson at the front office.

"Learn from yesterday, live for today, hope for tomorrow." --Albert Einstein

## January Dates to Remember:

January 8	Spirit PJ day
January 11	Earthquake drill
January 12	PAC meeting virtually at 6:00pm.
January 29	Hot Lunch day

## February Dates to Remember

February 2	6:00 p.m. PAC Meeting virtually
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Also, update your email address with the office so you can receive important information, newsletters, and weekly reminders.

**Wishing you all happiness in this New Year and may it ever calibrate your days, inform your choices and drive the agenda of your life!**

## WEATHER & WEAR

Please make sure your child has an appropriate jacket and boots. We will continue to play outside for recess and lunch if it is just drizzling/lightly raining.

**If your child needs a coat, boots, mittens or a hat, please let the office know as we have some donations left from before Christmas.**

**Also, please make sure your child has indoor shoes left at the school to wear.** Our custodians have worked hard over the winter break to wax the floors and make our school not only look great, but clean and safe.

## ONE SHCOOL ONE BOOK

We are excited to be doing One School One Book again this year! This is an opportunity for us to all share a book together as a community. We have chosen 'A Boy Called Bat' by Elana K. Arnold. Our Central PAC has generously purchased a copy for every family in our school and we thank them for

their support of this program! The books and a reading schedule will be sent home with the oldest sibling of each family on Monday, January 11th. Audio recordings of the chapters will be available on the library section of our school website.

### INCLEMENT WEATHER GUIDELINES

Inclement weather conditions such as freezing rain, significant snowfall or high wind can strike during the fall and winter months. In such conditions, the decision on the opening or closing of schools is made by the Superintendent in consultation with management staff who have checked first-hand on the driving conditions and general condition of schools.

While service to students and parents is a priority, schools will be kept open as much as is reasonably possible. Student and staff safety is the primary consideration.

In the event of extreme weather conditions, parents are urged to tune into radio stations STAR (98.3FM), HAWK (89.5FM) CBC (91.7FM) or our Central website or the School District website [www.sd33.bc.ca](http://www.sd33.bc.ca) to receive up-to-date information on school closures and information on the buses. **Please do not call the school directly.** Reports will start after 5:30 a.m. and will be repeated regularly. The information broadcast is directly from the school district. The reports are confirmed and there is no need to call your school, the School District Office or the radio station. Students will be marked absent for the day, but such an absence will not affect a perfect attendance record.

In the event that there is inclement weather but the school remains open, it is the parent’s decision, based on their assessment of the relative safety of travel conditions, as to whether or not their children attend school.

### PAC

The next PAC meeting will be January 12th at 6:00 p.m. Please attend virtually—all parents are welcome! A zoom link will be sent out on Monday January 11<sup>th</sup> to all our families’ email addresses.

### FOOD

Just a friendly reminder that we try to promote healthy eating/living, so when packing lunches and

snacks to school for your children, we ask that you keep snacks and lunches healthy. **Please do not send your child with pop, energy drinks or candy.**

### KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

Kindergarten registration is now open for the 2021-2022 school year. If you have a child (or know of a child) who will be 5 years of age by December 31, 2021, and lives in our catchment area, please register online at <https://sd33.bc.ca/registration> for the fall.

### ABSENT?

If you know that your child is absent on any given day, please be sure to call the school and let us know as early as possible. This is essential to help us ensure your child’s safety.

### MONTHLY FOCUS

**SAFE: I can make choices that will positively impact others.**

Just a friendly reminder as we continue to try to maintain a healthy and safe environment for all students, families and staff, we ask that parents continue to make sure they do the daily health check with their child(ren) before sending them to school. Please remember to keep your social distance and consider wearing a mask when bringing your child to school.

If you have questions or comments, feel free to do the following:

- **Call** the school office at (604) 792-8537
- **Email** the school at [central@sd33.bc.ca](mailto:central@sd33.bc.ca)
- **Check** the School Website <http://central.sd33.bc.ca>

Kindest regards,

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